

| 2015 Caltrans Annual Landscape and Erosion Control Contractor Meeting - ACTION ITEMS |                                      |   |  |   |
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| #  | Action Item                          | Issue   | Request  | Potential Response  |
| 1  | DBE reporting monthly                | DBE reporting monthly   | Please respond to this question: Is a DBE prime is required to submit a DBE Commitment and Good Faith Effort form, even if the commitment was confirmed?   | <p>Yes, in case of a minor clerical issue.</p> <p>DBE information, including the DBE Commitment form and quotes from each DBE (and soon, a DBE Confirmation form for each listed DBE on the DBE Commitment form), is due by 4 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening, according to the timelines and instructions found in the matrix in section 2-1.33D(2)(b) of the 2010 Revised Standard Specifications. GFE documentation is required if a bidder does not meet the DBE goal; failure to submit GFE documentation in this scenario will result in a nonresponsive bid.</p> <p>A bidder is not required to submit GFE documentation if they meet the DBE goal; failure to submit GFE documentation in this scenario will not result in a nonresponsive bid. However, if Caltrans determines that the bidder did not meet the DBE goal when evaluating DBE commitment (e.g., a math error, counting error, disallowance, etc.) and the bidder did not submit any GFE documentation within the 4-day window, then Caltrans will not consider any GFE documentation submitted by the bidder after-the-fact.</p> |
| 2  | Plant Establishment Work > 3 yrs     | More than 3 years of Plant Establishment Work has been part of a few contracts.   | <p>Consider developing policy options such as 3 yrs + 2 yrs</p> <p>Review need for guidance that a 5-10 yr Plant Establishment Period should be an "exception to the rule."</p> <p>☐</p>   | <p>HQ-LAP partner with HQ-Env need for stronger negotiation with permitting agencies</p> <p>Identify the issues and develop a plan to assist with &gt; 3 yr Plant Establishment periods.</p>  |
| 3  | Rock Blanket - evacation             | Minimum depth of excavation not shown on construction detail.   | Provide the minimum depth of excavation in order to give clear direction and to allow contractor to determine initial excavation, and reduce unnecessary volume of concrete placed beneath rock.   | <p>Provide guidance on the HQ-LAP website that the minimum depth of excavation in order to give clear direction and to allow contractor to determine initial excavation, and reduce unnecessary volume of concrete placed beneath rock.</p> <p>Also consider adding guidance that 12" structural concrete section standard in gore points, and 4" non-structural concrete section standard where rock blanket is surrounded by a curb, on a slope, or extended gore area.</p>   |
| 4  | Rock Blanket - size of rock          | Oblong rocks meet the seive size, but do not provide consistency.   | Rock should be described as "round."   | Add the word "round" to the material description of rock used for rock blanket, and an ASTM test for clarity.   |
| 5  | Compost measurement                  | Bid item unit of measure for bidding purposes is in square feet. Measurement of compost in the vehicle at the point of delivery is volumetric in cubic feet.  | After thorough discussion, it was determined that the "area measurement" is not an issue, as the erosion control tables have clarified for the contractors the material type, construction sequence, depth, and incorporation depth(if used), for the project. | No action needed.   |
| 6  | Compost incorporation (steep slopes) | Compost incorporation on steep slopes 2:1 or greater) is being specified. Contractor is experiencing difficulty incorporating due to access and compaction requirement after incorporation.   | Evaluate the frequency of compost incorporation on steep slopes, and the added constructability issues for the contractor.   | <p>Review past projects that included the bid items "compost" and "incorporate materials." Evaluate the location and gradient of the incorporated areas.</p> <p>Investigate with construction RE the constructability issues related to this work.</p>  |
| 7  | Compost availability                 | Compost (medium) and compost (large) is not available from suppliers that meet our standards for quality characteristics such as humidity, pathogenetic properties, etc. Contractors are negotiating with REs to mix compost (fine) with wood chip mulch to meet the specifications for compost (medium) and compost (large). | Do the standards need to be updated to eliminate medium and large compost due to lack of availability?   | Verify material supply availability statewide.  |
| 8  | Compost application in windy areas   | Compost blanket is specified in contracts in known windy areas of the state and it blows away.  | Windy weather conditions contribute to an immediate loss of applied compost. To avoid this loss, include sprayed tackifier as an immediate follow-up step.   | Evaluate the issue to include tackifier or hydromulch as a final step when compost blanket is proposed.   |